Tales of the Lost Social Networking Website

You all know about them.

You probably even have a profile on one or more of them.

Why do we all tolerate these horrors?

Well, that's pretty much exactly what we were wondering.

For us, it's pretty easy. We want to promote our zine, and contact people that we want to be part of it. To date, we have a profile on myspace (or myspazz, as Buttress O'Kneel calls it. You can insert your own derogatory name for all these sites), and we have a blog on blogspot (we aren't going to post the links here, they are in this zine or you can search for us online. All the other zines called Sordid are SHIT, so obviously aren't us). Some of our contributors are on facebook, last.fm, etc etc, as well. It doesn't really matter which place you are talking about, they are all shitty, evil, time wasting abominations filled with literal morons, losers, big talkers, etc etc.
So why are any of us (you included, you are part of us, remember that) actually on these sites.

Outside of using them as a means of keeping in touch with people you actually want to keep in touch with (anyone remember email? You can even still send letters through the post you know. People like getting letters), and if you are like us, trying to promote yourself to interested people out there (they are out there, you just have to wade through seas of morons to find them), what on earth do you expect to get out of one of these bleak and mind numbing places?

First things first. Almost everyone of a social networking site is an imbecile, with a highly inflated sense of self importance, that actually believes that having a high number of 'friends'[α] is really important (perhaps it shows how great a person they are, or that they post revealing photos of themselves), and that this whole social networking thing is REALLY important! It's not you know. It's a fucking load of shit. Most of those people are kids, usually under the actual minimum age that allows you to join the site. The rest are

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[α] Ok, let's get that straight for a start. They are NOT your friends. Most are just happy to have you as another integer in their 'friend' numbers… they probably don't ever think about you and think that somehow they've got one over you. If they could have you as a 'friend', and not be your 'friend', they'd probably be extra happy. Look at how many people actually talk to you, or read your blog, or whatever. Watch your counters slowly go up… it's probably the same six people that give a shit, coming again and again each week. And those posts/messages you get when you add someone/or they add you don't count… those people are just a little more polite than the average social network users.

fairly normal people that actually don't have a great deal of time to waste on these places (and if you are one of those, know this, we love you!!).

We've seen people asking why other people don't comment on peoples blogs, the music or images they post, etc.
We'll tell you why. It's generally one of a few reasons. Either they don't actually care (many myspace and facebook users don't actually leave their own page at all, they can message anyone of their 'friends' without having to do so, and looking at, listening to, or reading something you post is one thing, but going to the effort to comment is another… if they have the time, they probably just don't care. See?), they don't have the time, or they just opened it, but didn't look, read, listen, whatever.
Understand this, they only care about their shit, not yours. Your real friends care about your stuff, and they do comment. All the other people have their heads so far up their arses that they just see what they ate last, and they think THAT was a fucking good meal, and it's being turned into some fucking great shit that they will shit out of their fucking great arse into their fucking great toilet. That's what they are interested in.

Of course, some of the people that comment to you a just sucking up. Or you posted a photo that has them in it. Or they want to be seen as being cool because some other person gave them the idea that you are cool etc. Are you getting the feel for this yet? We think that pretty much all these people are just dumb sheep, almost completely unable of actually thinking for themselves.

It's time to start sorting the wheat from the chaff. Delete people. Especially those people that weren't even polite enough to pretend that they cared, and never even posted a hello or a thanks or whatever.

Even if they are normal people whom don't have enough time to keep up with all the CRAP, if they cared, they would have found the time at some point.

So, what's the point of all this? None really, we just like pointing out how shitty most people are, and most things are on the internet.

How about this. If you sit around on myspace or facebook or where ever, just refreshing the page from time to time to see if someone has replied, or messaged you, or commented on something you posted, or listened to that song you just posted… well, then maybe it's time you started to rethink things. These places are tools for YOU to use, don't let them use you and burn away your time. Tell 'em all to FUCK OFF! Quick now, before it's too late.

What we think of the various social networking sites…

This is in no particular order, and certainly not in any order of quality. You get what you want from these places, and get the fuck out of there. They are all super fucked shit!!

last.fm – Ha ha!! Is there any point to this bizarre place? Maybe. It can chew through your bandwidth. It can be handy as a semi portable jukebox, but most people that like music have some kind of portable music player these days, right? The system that suggests bands and artist to you seems to be really shit, and you have to actually work hard to find new stuff. And don't get us started on the way it decides which people share your taste in music!! Fuck man, so a lot of kids listen to Radio Head or Nine Inch Nails or whatever artist just stuck their new album online for 'free'. Say we like rock music, and we listen to the Beatles a lot, so what, so do tons of other people. That doesn't mean squat. What about those two rarer artists that we listen to (let's say Double Handsome Dragons and Buttress O'Kneel), they should carry a fuck more weight than some ultra popular artist that practically everyone has listened to. Etc. **Judgement** is, only good so that losers and morons can see the really cool music you listen to. Let's face it, each of us is way cooler than everyone else, right? Yeah, work your head up your arse! Get it in there!!

facebook – Ooooo!! Applications! What is face book without them? Not much. It's basically just a private little club for people that think that they've outgrown something like myspace. Guess what, it's not much different at all. If you think it is, you've got your head as far up your arse as a last.fm user!! It's all the same friends as you have in your email contacts, wasting each others time with whatever is the popular application at the time. Why do you think they keep releasing more and more applications all the time?? Is it because they are really good? NO! It's because they are really SHIT, and everyone gets bored of them pretty quick (except for the truly exceptional morons). Further, you were probably either pressured onto the site in the first place by a 'friend', or you pressured your 'friends' to join up (see how clever and truly insidious these places are??). What kind of a fascist piece of shit website won't let people visit unless they join up? Sure, if you post some pics you don't want other people to see that's fine, but you should just be able to assign them as private or for friends only. How often do you find some friend has posted pics of their trip overseas, or of them sucking Lars Ulrich's cock, only to find that despite them telling you about it, you can't look at them without setting up your only crappy profile on some shitty site you want nothing to do with? Huh. fuckbook, fascistbook. **Judgement** is, only good if a bunch of people you actually give a shit about are active there. Which is probably why the damned place is so successful. We say fuck you to people that post shit on their facebook and want us to join up to look at it. Fuck off fuckers!!

myspace – Obviously, this is the one we are most used to. Now don't go getting the wrong idea and think that just because we have a profile there that we actually like the place. Being there just makes us dislike it more and more. So why are we there? Well, for us, it can be a handy to contact some of the many bands, performers, and generally creative types that try to promote their wears via this forsaken place. We also like that non-users can still access pretty much all of our page there. But we still think it's a giant fascist monkey of a website. But that's always going to be the case with any of these places, especially as they get bigger and bigger. Still, it is a mightily horrifying abominable nightmare. Trying to communicate through myspace can be an absolute waste of time. You can see the user is online, but why don't they answer? Well, they haven't actually refreshed their page, but still have it open, and then after an hour or so, they log out. If you were enthusiastic, you may have been updating your page every 5 minutes for all that time. Also, myspace has got to be swarming with the absolute worst people on any social networking site! Millions and millions of mindless kids and morons, throwing around their own stupid opinions like they matter and vomiting endless purile bullshit at every opportunity. Really, if it weren't for the bands and creators (video makers, artists, writers, comedians etc) on this place, it would only be good for target practice for hackers and shit. For some reason, myspace still doesn't seem to realise this and seems to continue to focus on all the morons that wash about in this giant toilet bowl. **Judgement** is, just another rancid pile of shit posing as a functional social networking site. Luckily, as with all these places you can use it as you wish, and ignore most of the shit… if you are lucky. That said, as we said above, at least anyone can look at stuff here. It can be good for creators, but until myspace realises this, it's still going to keep falling back to just being a place full of morons.

youtube – Not really a social networking place, we hear you cry. Well fuck off then, that's not what youtube wants you to think. There are plenty of functions that work here that pretty much make this a social networking site, just like those above. They just don't seem to get used that much, well, not used in that way. We love youtube though, just not for the videos. So what's so great? It's the comments on the videos and occasional comments on peoples profiles that make this place magic! If having it out with a stranger about whether the singer from Tool is gay or not isn't social networking, we don't know what is. We have even seem flame wars erupt in the comments of a video showing two cats meowing. If you are someone that actively watches a lot of videos on youtube, then you are fairly pathetic. No, it's not the future of media or entertainment, it's just tons and tons of fucking BULL SHIT! Stop deluding yourself. Yeah yeah, it's great that everyone is empowered and can post what they want, but did you forget? Pretty much everyone is a fucking idiot! **Judgement** is, what a bunch of pointless crap. Tiny, bad quality videos, often cut to pieces. Pretty pointless really. Not that there is no good stuff there, but you have to wade through endless amounts of other people garbage just to find anything, and then it's a terrible video someone filmed with their mobile phone and you can barely see or hear anything! Only good for reading flame wars, or, if you are mean, for starting them!! Heh heh.